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17 the University from the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in  
18 Jackson County, Florida.

19 (3) (a) In order to care for the unclaimed remains of  
20 victims of the 1914 dormitory fire at the Arthur G. Dozier  
21 School for Boys in a respectful and dignified manner, the  
22 Division, pursuant to chapter 287, F.S., shall select a removal  
23 service, licensed pursuant to chapter 497, F.S., to transport  
24 the unclaimed remains from Tampa, Florida, to a funeral  
25 establishment in Jackson County, Florida, for preparation for  
26 reinterment.

27 (b) The Division, pursuant to chapter 287, F.S., shall  
28 select a funeral establishment in Jackson County, Florida,  
29 licensed pursuant to chapter 497, F.S., to prepare the unclaimed  
30 remains of victims of the 1914 dormitory fire for burial.

31 (c) The Division shall ensure that the unclaimed remains  
32 of victims of the 1914 dormitory fire are reinterred at the Boot  
33 Hill Cemetery located at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in  
34 Jackson County, Florida.

35 (d) The Division, after consulting with the Division of  
36 Historical Resources of the Department of State and the  
37 University, shall select and cause to be installed appropriate  
38 and respectful markers, including specific markers to preserve  
39 the accession numbers used by the University in its forensic  
40 investigation.

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41 (4) (a) In order to care for all remaining unclaimed or  
42 unidentified remains exhumed by the University from the Arthur  
43 G. Dozier School for Boys in Jackson County, Florida, in a  
44 respectful and dignified manner, the Division, pursuant to  
45 chapter 287, F.S., shall select a removal service, licensed  
46 pursuant to chapter 497, F.S., to transport the remains from  
47 Tampa, Florida, to a funeral establishment in Leon County,  
48 Florida, for preparation for reinterment.

49 (b) The Division, pursuant to chapter 287, F.S., shall  
50 select a funeral establishment in Leon County, licensed pursuant  
51 to chapter 497, F.S., to prepare all remaining unclaimed and  
52 unidentified remains for burial.

53 (c) The Division, pursuant to chapter 287, F.S., shall  
54 select one cemetery in Leon County, Florida, licensed pursuant  
55 to chapter 497, F.S., at which all remaining unclaimed and  
56 unidentified remains shall be buried.

57 (d) The Division, after consulting with the Division of  
58 Historical Resources of the Department of State and the  
59 University, shall select and cause to be installed an  
60 appropriate and respectful marker of each burial, including  
61 specific markers to preserve the accession numbers used by the  
62 University in its forensic investigation.

63 (5) The Division shall consult with the Division of  
64 Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services of the Department of  
65 Financial Services to develop terms and conditions applicable to

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66 the procurement of contractual services pursuant to this  
67 section, including but not limited to:

68 (a) A scope of work that establishes the tasks and  
69 verifiable deliverables the contractors are required to perform  
70 or furnish in order to ensure the appropriate and respectful  
71 handling, transportation, preparation, and burial of the  
72 remains, and the installation of funeral or other appropriate  
73 markers at the burial sites;

74 (b) Evaluation and selection criteria to be used in  
75 determining acceptability and relative merit of proposals to  
76 perform these services.

77 Section 3. Section 265.007, Florida Statutes, is  
78 created to read:

79 265.007 Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys Memorial

80 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to memorialize the  
81 boys who lived and died at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys,  
82 including the 1914 dormitory fire victims.

83 (2) There is established the Arthur G. Dozier School for  
84 Boys Memorial in two locations: one in Tallahassee, Florida, and  
85 the other in Jackson County, Florida.

86 (3) The memorials are administered by the Department of  
87 Management Services.

88 (4) (a) The Department of Management Services shall  
89 designate an appropriate public area for the Arthur G. Dozier  
90 School for Boys Memorial in Tallahassee, Florida, on the

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91 premises of the Capitol Complex, as defined in s. 281.01, not  
92 including the State Capital Circle Office Complex. The  
93 department shall consider recommendations of the Florida  
94 Historical Commission as required pursuant to ss. 265.111 and  
95 267.0612(9), coordinate with the Division of Historical  
96 Resources of the Department of State regarding the design and  
97 placement of the memorial, and consider recommendations of  
98 former students of the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys  
99 regarding the design of the memorial.

100 (b) The Department of Management Services, in consultation  
101 with the Division of State Lands of the Department of  
102 Environmental Protection and the Jackson County Administrator,  
103 shall designate an appropriate public area for the Arthur G.  
104 Dozier School for Boys Memorial in Jackson County, Florida. The  
105 department shall coordinate with the Division of Historical  
106 Resources of the Department of State regarding the design and  
107 placement of the memorial, and consider recommendations of  
108 former students of the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys  
109 regarding the design of the memorial.

110 (5) The Department of Management Services is authorized to  
111 promulgate rules necessary to implement this section.

112 Section 4. The Board of Trustees of the Internal  
113 Improvement Trust Fund may not convey the following property  
114 formally associated with the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in  
115 Marianna, Jackson County, Florida:

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116 (a) The Boot Hill Cemetery; and

117 (b) The structure known as "the White House" and the land  
118 upon which the structure is located.

119 Section 5. The Department of Environmental Protection  
120 shall:

121 (a) Develop a proposal to conduct a feasibility study to  
122 clear the land of the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys and use  
123 ground-penetrating radar technology to identify areas with  
124 potentially burial sites; and,

125 (b) Submit the proposal to the Governor, President of the  
126 Senate, and Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives by  
127 October 1, 2017.

128 Section 6. The Forensic Training Center (HB 3577) in  
129 Specific Appropriation 1234 of PCB APC 17-01, General  
130 Appropriations Act, is hereby named the Thomas Varnadoe Forensic  
131 Center for Education and Research.

132 Section 7. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sum of  
133 \$1,200,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the  
134 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Management Services  
135 for the purpose of implementing sections 2 and 3 of this act.  
136 Funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered from this  
137 appropriation as of July 1, 2018, shall revert and be  
138 reappropriated for the same purpose in the 2018-2019 fiscal  
139 year.

140 Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
An act relating to the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys;  
providing for the interment of remains exhumed from the school;  
requiring the Department of Management Services to administer  
reinterments; creating s. 265.007, F.S.; providing for the  
Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys memorial; requiring the  
Department of Management Services to administer the memorial;  
providing rulemaking authority to the Department of Management  
Services; prohibiting the Board of Trustees of the Internal  
Improvement Trust Fund from conveying certain property;  
requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a  
proposal for use of ground-penetrating radar on certain  
property; providing for the naming of the Forensic Training  
Center; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Florida State Reform School, also known as the  
Florida Industrial School for Boys, the Florida School for Boys,  
and, lastly, as the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys ("Dozier  
School"), was opened by the State of Florida in 1900 in  
Marianna, Florida, to house children who had committed minor  
criminal offenses such as incorrigibility, truancy, and smoking,  
as well as more serious offenses such as theft and murder, and

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166 WHEREAS, throughout Dozier School's history, reports of  
167 abuse, suspicious deaths, and threats of closure plagued the  
168 school, and

169 WHEREAS, a forensic investigation funded by the Florida  
170 Legislature and conducted from 2013 to 2016 by the University of  
171 South Florida found incomplete records regarding deaths and  
172 burials that occurred at Dozier School between 1900 and 1960,  
173 and that families were often notified after the child was buried  
174 or denied access to their remains at the time of burial, and

175 WHEREAS, on November 18, 1914, a fire consumed a school  
176 dormitory where children and school employees perished, some of  
177 whom died after returning to the burning building to look for  
178 each other and assist with the rescue,

179 WHEREAS, the excavations conducted as part of the forensic  
180 investigation yielded 55 burial sites, 24 more sites than  
181 reported in official records, and

182 WHEREAS, given the lack of documentation and  
183 contradictions in the historical record, questions persist  
184 regarding the identity of persons buried at Dozier School and  
185 the circumstances surrounding their deaths, and

186 WHEREAS, Dozier School closed in 2011 after investigations  
187 by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Civil  
188 Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice; and

189 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Florida Legislature created the  
190 Dozier Task Force, which recommended that the remains of the

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191 1914 dormitory fire victims should be reinterred at Boot Hill  
192 Cemetery on Dozier School property; that unidentified or  
193 unclaimed remains should be reinterred in Tallahassee, Florida,  
194 with the location to be determined by the Florida Legislature;  
195 and that two memorials should be established, one in Jackson  
196 County and one in Tallahassee, dedicated to the memories of the  
197 boys who lived and died at Dozier School, including the 1914  
198 dormitory fire victims, and

199 WHEREAS Thomas Varnadoe was 13 years old when he died on  
200 October 26, 1934, only 34 days after being admitted to the  
201 Florida School for Boys, and whose remains were identified in  
202 2014 by the forensic anthropologists and archeologists from the  
203 University of South Florida after being exhumed from an unmarked  
204 grave on school grounds; NOW THEREFORE,

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